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## Experience

James Raakman is a partner and lawyer with Bereskin & Parr LLP and leader of the Automotive practice group. James is a registered patent agent in Canada and the United States.

James' practice is focused on patent prosecution, primarily of mechanical innovations. He has worked extensively with clients to draft and file originating patent and design applications, secure rights locally and abroad, and manage global portfolios, including licensing technology in and out. James also has experience representing clients before the Patent Appeal Board at the Canadian Intellectual Property Office, filing protests at the Canadian Patent Office, coordinating filing of third party observations against competitors' European patents, and coordinating initiation of inter parte review procedures against competing U.S. patents.

James is a member of the Intellectual Property Institute of Canada, and has recently spoken on challenging and defending issued patents. Prior to joining Bereskin & Parr, James gained extensive experience as a professional engineer while working in the automotive industry for several years.

## Recent Articles

- Proposed New Canadian Industrial Design Regulations: Our Detailed Review – Part 2
- Proposed New Canadian Industrial Design Regulations: Our Detailed Review – Part 1
- Upcoming Changes to the Protection of Industrial Designs in Canada

## Accolades

- Bereskin & Parr Recognized in the IAM Patent 1000 - 2023
- Bereskin & Parr Professionals Listed in the 2023 Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory
- 22 Bereskin & Parr Professionals Listed in the 2021 Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory

## Practice Groups

Automotive  
Cleantech  
Industrial Designs  
Mechanical & Industrial Processes  
Patents

## Education

LL.B., Queen's University, 1997  
B.Eng. & Mgmt. (Mech. Eng.), McMaster University, 1992

## Qualifications

Registered Canadian Trademark Agent, 2010  
Registered United States Patent Agent, 2005  
Registered Canadian Patent Agent, 2004  
Admitted to the Ontario Bar, 2002  
Professional Engineer (P.Eng.)

## Professional Memberships

Intellectual Property Institute of Canada (IPIC), Associate  
Law Society of Ontario (LSO)



- 20 Bereskin & Parr Professionals Listed in the Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory 2020
- 22 Bereskin & Parr Professionals Listed in the Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory 2019